

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CHILDREN'S NETWORK CBO PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

EAST VALLEY COLLABORATIVE

MISSION/PURPOSE

The East Valley Collaborative is a community partnership, committed to sharing collective knowledge and resources to enhance the quality of life by supporting youth and their families through education and the provision of mental, physical and social services.

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2003

In Attendance:

Robert Hernandez, PTLC	(909) 889-4399
Ron Hernandez, Cameron Hill Aftercare	(909) 890-4301
Steve Kniffen, Somebody Cares Southland	(909) 463-6379
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Tiemeyer McCain, United Christian Artist	(909) 938-2180
Rosemary Merrin, New House, Inc.	(909) 881-0395
Ed Rowe, Children's Network	(909) 387-8938
Stephani Congdon, Bethel Community Outreach	(909) 757-7363
Tracy Diaz, Home Again	(909) 792-9626
Eustolia Hearn, Mentoring Program	(909) 885-1847
Jonaye Thompson, Solutions Ed. Enrichment Center	(909) 875-5222
Nick Watson, Public Health	(909) 384-5600
Susan Zador, Mail for Me Club	(909) 794-9676
Mary Jaquish, CBO Partnership – Chair	(909) 387-9074
Susan Culbertson, CSUSB – Training Academy	(909) 982-2580
Monica Tolliver, Child Advocates of San Bernardino	(909) 881-6760
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Renee Bombaci, SB – DCS	(909) 383-9777
Lisa Jolly, CSUSB	(909) 880-7363
Joy Ellington, Educational Eclipse	(909) 833-1067
Peter Celano, O.L. Fatima Church	(909) 793-6363
Selam Stephanos, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	(909) 580-2538
Leroy Gunderson, Victory Resource Center	(909) 383-0795
Sue Taylor, Children's Network	(909) 387-8966
Regina Lindsay, Jubilee Nuts & Bolt Institute	(909) 873-2407
Tammy Williams, Children's Network	(909) 387-5365

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mary Jaquish welcomed all those present and self-introductions were made. Mary made the following brief announcements: due to two presentations today there will be a quick round table discussion: Mary referred everyone to a flyer in your packet about a presentation she will be doing after the collaboratives in April on Faith-Based Funding it will be on the nuts and bolts of CBOs partnering with government for funding and is a free workshop; and Susan Melanson had mentioned that at each collaborative a local

agency should be highlighted with a brief presentation – please let Mary or Tammy know if you wish to be on the agenda.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No changes requested.

3. Approval of February Minutes

One correction needed for Susan Zador of Mail for Me Club stated their brochures are left in local libraries and not in local hospitals.

4. Guest Speaker Michael Martinez, District Attorney – Community Prosecution

Mary introduced Michael Martinez who works for the Department of the District Attorney. He has worked as a Deputy District Attorney for the last 25 years. He use to be a prosecuting attorney with a caseload. Now his primary responsibilities are; the lead District Attorney for hate crimes and anti-terrorism, a liaison for the Mexican Consulate and a Community Prosecutor.

Some of the highlights from Michael Martinez presentation were:

- The Community Prosecution program is funded through a Federal Grant, which expires next year.
- The Community Prosecution is more focused on treating symptoms and causes before going to prosecution. (The Broken Windows theory).
- He is stationed at the local Police Substation in San Bernardino by the Smart and Final.
- Michael focuses his work on quality of life issues for the citizens in the worst section of San Bernardino.
- Some quality of life issues are: grafitti; drunk in public, prostitution, drug trafficking, etc.
- It is believed that if some of the smaller quality of life issues can be resolved before going to court for prosecution through resources and collaboration.
- The small problems like grafitti, drunk in public; prostitution, drug trafficking, etc. do cause local businesses loss in money and causes some citizens to move.
- Michael works with the Community Planning Development Board that discusses businesses that go in, such as it is not encouraged for another bar to go in that area of Baseline.
- Michael goes out on search warrants and partners with Code Enforcement as needed.
- Michael walks the streets and drives in the community to give the citizens access to him as well as trying to make his presence felt for the people whom are committing crimes.
- Michael does go to court for community prosecution of cases.
- Michael's goal is to make the area of San Bernardino he covers a nice place to live.
- Michael showed graphs that listed where the following crimes are most seen such as rape, burglaries, and assault; grant theft auto, murder, etc.
- Michael showed some pictures of bad areas in the areas he covers such as “the yellows”, litter, abandoned vehicles and homes, etc.
- He also showed some areas where you tell the owners and landlords had pride in the area.
- Initially the Community Prosecution project was slated for Colton and Ontario had a high interest as well.
- As part of Phase One – Michael attends many community forum meetings and just listens to what the citizens have to say.

- As a part of Phase Two – Michael tracks cases, works with the police at the substation, helps cut red tape to get things done, works on long-term solutions to rejuvenate the local community, opens up lines of communication amongst local community groups, etc.
- Michael also had some slides he showed on some positive aspects in San Bernardino County such as; Route 66, California Theater, governmental buildings, the courthouse, Renaissance Fair, etc.
- Basically, the problems cannot be fixed quickly, input and money is needed to solve the problems.

Questions and Comments: Is Community Prosecution practiced anywhere else? Michael mentioned it is a nationwide program. Since September 11th more funding has gone for anti-terrorism programs. The Federal Grant Michael is working from was \$270,000 for implementation which has already been spent. The only funding left now is \$80,000 and once that is gone, the grant is over. The goal is to partner with the city and community business owners. Another question as asked is there any data showing the program has been successful? Michael mentioned that in Portland, Oregon and Manhattan, New York there is proof the program was very successful. Michael mentioned that Community Accountability Boards, and Restorative Justice have been very successful for rehabilitation.

Another question asked was what can be done to assist Michael in his efforts? Michael suggested coming and speaking at community forums to offer information and resources. In May there will be a community faire being sponsored by the Mexican Consulate to serve particularly the Hispanic and undocumented citizens and Michael invited the members to come and display their agencies with brochures, etc. Michael thanked everyone for his or her collaboration and continued partnership.

5. Child Abuse Prevention Activities

Sue Taylor from Children's Network discussed the following activities:

- Everyone was given a small sample of Child Abuse Prevention materials we currently have available.
- April is National Child Abuse Prevention month.
- Children's Network is the Child Abuse Prevention Council for San Bernardino County.
- There will be once again an aggressive campaign for Child abuse prevention, even though the budget was cut significantly.
- The goal is to distribute 500,000 pieces of educational materials during April to parents.
- You are welcome to call for more materials at any time.
- The materials can be copied and your logo inserted as long as you don't take anything off of the document.
- After the Shine the Light Breakfast, satin blue ribbons will be available.
- We have available for sale some beautiful lapel pins with blue rhinestones for \$15 each.
- The Board of Supervisors proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month is signing a resolution.
- Tickets are still available for the Shine a Light on Child Abuse Awards Breakfast for \$10 each.
- The lifetime advocate this year to be honored at the breakfast will be Honorable Patrick Morris.
- The Family Celebration Picnics have been cancelled this year due to budget issues and sensitivity to other employees.
- The Mojave Team felt the event was worthwhile and is going ahead with their own Family Celebration Picnic on April 5th in Victorville.
- The Guasti Team will go ahead and partner with Children's Fund for the Rubber Duck Race on April 26th at Guasti Regional Park. They will be having a family festival along with the duck race.

- The Yucaipa group elected not to hold an event this year.
- Everyone was encouraged to adopt a duck as 100% of the money raised goes back to children in the county.
- Another avenue taken this year was to solicit local businesses in the county that have a family theme and asked them to set aside one day in April to celebrate families. Some tickets have already come in and will be shared with the local CBOs serving families in the county.
- The cities throughout the county have been invited to join us in proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention month. We have received several proclamations at City Council meetings and shared with them child abuse prevention materials.
- Save the date of September 18th for the 17th Annual Children's Network Conference to be held at the Ontario Convention Center. This year there will be new partners for the conference such as First 5, County Superintendent of Schools, Child Development, and the Child Care & Planning Council. The keynote speaker will be Arin Bruel. The cost will be \$99. You will be getting a Save the Date card soon.

6. Handouts and Round Table Discussion

√Mary Jaquish of CBO Partnership reported: There is a WIA grant available with a deadline of the end of the month. Mary mentioned she was sorry about sharing the information with you so late, as she was not informed about it. If you are interested in applying, please give Mary a call to assist you. Mary mentioned she has copies of some successful grants that have been written if you would like to review them. There is a mandatory bidders conference being put on by the Department of Behavioral Health for an RFP from the Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Services on Thursday, March 20th in Rialto. Mary recently met with the Packard Foundation in Riverside about the ABCD Fund for low income investments such as; child care facilities, low income housing projects, etc. The available funding is up to 1 million dollars for facilities. The Packard Foundation has funded an apartment complex that has a child care facility in San Diego. Mary suggested if you are interested to contact the Packard Foundation, Carla Dartis at the Packard Foundation (650) 917-5292 to inquire about the ABCD Fund. Paperwork is due the end of March for the Beaumont Foundation. Mary referred everyone to his or her packets with the current resource information. Another helpful hint given was to ask someone who got funded what approach was successful.

√Eustolia Hearn of the Mentoring Program reported: Through San Bernardino City they are mentoring 700 families with 130 children. They are always looking for mentors. They have parenting classes taught in English and Spanish. Eustolia passed out flyers on the parenting classes.

√Ron Hernandez of Cameron Hill Aftercare reported: They provide services for the 400 youth aging out of the Foster Care System. Some of the services they provide for these youth are; job search, housing and apartment search, employment skills, vocational skills, after care, etc. Ron suggested if you could assist him, he could be contacted at (909) 890-4301.

√Jonaye Thompson of Solutions Ed. Enrichment Center reported: They offer counseling for teen parents, drug and alcohol services, resource center, job search, college and high school information. You can bring information on shelters, health and medical, etc. they will share with their clients.

√Tammy Williams of Children's Network reported: The Children's Fund Rubber Duck Race is April 26th at the Guasti Regional Park. There will be a festival in conjunction with the race. You are welcome to be a vendor at the festival. All the funds raised go 100% to children in this county. Tammy referred everyone to the flyer and vendor application form.

√Susan Culbertson of the CSUSB – Training Academy reported: She referred everyone to the flyer for the Grand Opening of the New College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Building.

√Nick Watson of Public Health reported: He is a supervisor at Public Health for the PALS (Perinatal and Adolescent Life Services). They have one more year left for the community challenge grant and are currently looking for more funding. Through the grant they provide services to high-risk youth and their siblings.

√Ed Rowe of Children's Network reported: Ed reported he has flyers with information about the Family Preservation Councils in case you have cases to refer. The goal is to keep children out of placements if possible.

√Monica Tolliver of Child Advocates of San Bernardino reported: Monica referred everyone to the flyer in their packets on the Light of Hope Candlelight Vigil on April 10th at 6:30 p.m. starting at the County Courthouse at 351 N. Arrowhead and ending at the Cinema Star Theater on "E" Street. The purpose of the walk is for National Child Abuse Prevention Month of April. They are always looking for mentors from the community. They will provide training for the mentors who work one on one with the children ages 5 to 18 in the juvenile system.

√Renee Bombaci of SB – DCS reported on: Renee referred everyone to the handouts on Wraparound Pilot Project for Program Uplift San Bernardino. The model is based on restorative justice. They provide transition services for children in upper level group homes returning to their homes by collaborating with other county agencies and faith-based partners.

√Lisa Jolly of CSUSB reported on: She encouraged everyone to attend the Grand Opening of the New College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Building on April 10th from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. At CSUSB they provide lots of services such as many educational programs, conferences, seminars, community resource center, and counseling, outreach to families, a center for hate and etc.

√Rosemary Merrin of New House, Inc. reported on: They provide substance abuse services and will be taking on clients with dual diagnosis.

√Joy Ellington of Educational Eclipse reported on: She has just started a non-profit organization that raises funds for educational field trips.

√Steve Kniffen of Somebody Cares Southland reported on: Steve referred to the minutes from last month and wanted to set the record straight. Thirty schools in San Bernardino City have 90% of the students qualify for free lunches. Through partnership with the Fontana Police Department, Fire Department, faith-based, and businesses they provided backpacks to over 900 children in Fontana. It was a win-win situation for the children and the teachers. Steve would like to see all East Valley Collaborative members join in on the subcommittee for the backpacks and resource information. The next meeting is **April 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Children's Network office.** The subcommittee is discussing what resource information in English and Spanish will go into the backpacks for students in San Bernardino City Schools. In June they are providing assistance for a mobile medical unit that will be providing vision, hearing and immunization for low-income children. In May there will be a Health and Safety Fair. Steve will get more details so this group can partner with the event. Steve mentioned in this area to refer clients to Priscilla's Helping Hands on Thursdays for food and clothing distribution.

√Susan Zador of Mail for Me Club reported on: Susan reported their brochures are placed in the local libraries. Packages go out monthly to terminally ill and disabled children who are not able to attend school because of illness. The healthy children are encouraged to participate so that these children do

not feel left behind. They have also started a campaign to send out letters to soldiers. If you can assist them, call Susan at (909) 794-9676.

√Tiemeyer McCain at United Christian Artist reported on: They are a non-profit faith-based neighborhood organization that provides training for those talented in music, and art. They can assist with job referrals in the fields of music, stage, radio, TV, modeling, etc. These programs really help improve the confidence and self-esteem for youth. Tiemeyer mentioned if you could partner with his organization to please contact him at (909) 938-2180.

√Regina Lindsay of Jubilee Nuts and Bolts Institute reported on: This is an after school facility. Regina reported she is here today to network and see what resources are provided.

√Selam Stephanos of Arrowhead Regional Medical Center reported on: She is an educator at ARMC for community outreach programs such as asthma, child safety, prenatal care, etc.

√Leroy Gunderson of Victory Resource Center reported on: They provide a variety of services for youth and adults such as; anger management, drug recovery homes, developing troubled youth in ministry, mentoring program, and working on grants. They have a computer literacy program for youth and after school computer lab.

√Robert Hernandez of PTLIC reported on: They provide outreach to low-income families for literacy on the computers and after school programs for children. The adults and youth are taught basics so they can enroll for college.

√Stephani Congdon of Bethel Community Outreach reported on: Bethel Community Outreach has a community challenge grant they are expanding for nutrition services. Through Calvary Board they are providing outreach services for special needs and the emotionally damaged. Through the Calvary Board they provide an NA program and ESL for adults. They want to expand services in the north end of San Bernardino by partnering.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2003

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Faith-Based Funding Workshop

County Superintendent of Schools

601 North E Street

San Bernardino

Respectfully Submitted,

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Children's Network

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